

Hawaii's Watershed Partnerships



Successful Public-Private Collaboration and Investment

Watershed Partnerships are alliances of over 60 public and private landowners committed to the common value of protecting 1.6 million acres of watersheds across the main Hawaiian Islands, leveraging State funds from the Natural Area Reserve Fund with over \$4 million dollars per year from federal and other sources.

"...there is not a contradiction between economic growth and sound environmental practices..."

Barack Obama, 12/15/2008

Hawaii must protect our watersheds because they:

- Recharge water supplies
- Protect public health
- Control erosion & run off
- Mitigate flooding
- Create jobs & bring in federal funds
- Supply culturally important plants for hula, crafts and medicine
- Serve as educational laboratories and places of recreation
- Create eco-tourism opportunities
- Mitigate the effects of climate change
- Provide homes for plants and animals unique to Hawaii



Hawaii's rare species are protected by the Watershed Partnerships



Since 1991- A proven track record:

- 300,000 acres actively managed
- 83,000 native plants successfully planted
- 5,500 volunteers involved
- 40 plus miles of protective forest fences completed
- \$10 million in private & federal funds leveraged to support local jobs & businesses since 2006
- 60 trained staff state-wide implementing approved management plans
- Thousands of feral animals & destructive invasive species controlled



Above:
Within the rectangular fence, forests are able to re-grow

Left: Volunteers plant koa to restore a barren landscape

Kaua'i Watershed Alliance



Ko'olau Mountains WP



Watershed Partnerships protect Hawaii's forests on a large, regional scale

There are over 60 public and private landowners involved with 1.6 million acres protected in Watershed Partnerships.

For more information, visit:

hawp.org

hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw/wpp

East Moloka'i WP

West Maui Mountains WP

East Maui WP

Lana'i Forest and WP

Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership

Kohala WP

Three Mountain Alliance

